

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-13, 15, 17-24 and 26-30 were examined. Claims 1, 11, 23 and 28 are amended. Claims 7, 17 and 29 are canceled. Claims 1-5, 8-13, 15, 18-24, 26-28 and 30 remain in the Application.

The Patent Office rejects claims 1-5, 8-13, 15, 18-24, 26-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The Patent Office objects to claims 7, 17 and 29.

Independent claims 1, 11 and 28 are amended to include the limitations of claims 7, 17 and 29, respectively. Independent claim 23 is amended to include the limitations of claim 29. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the rejection to claims 1-5, 8-13, 15, 18-24, 26-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

CONCLUSION

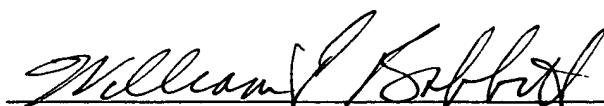
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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